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Week ended December 19. *Smallpox.*—Cases: Rotonda 1, Pietragalla (Potenza) 5, Mammola 18, Canolo 40, Grotteria 1, Cittanova 67, Polistena 18, S. Giorgio Morgeto 1, Radicena 1, Oppido 1, Antonina 2, Tutrinoli (Reggio Calabria) 3, Trapani 1, Alcamo (Trapani) 1.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and disinfection of vessels—Decrease of cholera at Kobe and Yokohama—Smallpox at Kobe—Cholera at Tokyo—Plague at Osaka.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, December 12 and 26:

Week ended December 7. Four vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 402 passengers and 335 crew, were inspected and granted bills of health. The *Benavon*, for Cebu, was disinfected in part, her crew were bathed and their effects disinfected. All crew and steerage passengers embarking here are handled in the same way, and at present, on account of sanitary conditions in the Empire, steerage passengers are registered and remain five days in approved hotels before being allowed to embark.

Cholera has nearly disappeared from Yokohama. It is dying out in Kobe, but smallpox is prevalent. Plague continues to spread in Osaka.

From September 25 to December 3, 228 cases of cholera with 125 deaths were reported in Tokyo.

Week ended December 21. The steamship *Erroll*, for New York, was fumigated in part to kill vermin, and all steerage passengers were held for five days' observation, if through or from infected territory, and bathed, their effects being disinfected.

Cholera seems to be extinct at Yokohama.

Smallpox has appeared in the city, but has been confined to 8 cases in one focus. In Kobe the disease prevails.

Representatives from the central health office have reported that the plague conditions in Osaka are very serious, and that the disease has such a foothold there that the following steps should be taken:

Preparations to isolate 100,000 persons; disinfection of about 500,000 houses, and destruction of rats. The local authorities are now considering the matter and meantime fighting the rats, infected rats being found, it is said, in every district of the city.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Nippon Maru* recommended December 18 for rejection: For Honolulu, 9; advised to wait, 32. For San Francisco, advised to wait, 1. Aliens examined at Kobe and transferred from, 4.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox—Plague at Osaka.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, December 19:

Week ended December 14. Three supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships and 1 original bill of health was granted to 1 steamship, altogether an aggregate personnel of 1,201. There were inspected 4 vessels, 605 members of crews, and 516 steerage passengers. Manifests were issued for 59,764 pieces of freight.

There were disinfected 490 pieces of personal effects. Two hundred and twenty-six steerage passengers were bathed, disinfected, and vaccinated, and held 5 days under observation prior to embarkation. Their effects were disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Manchuria* for Honolulu: Examined, 188; recommended for rejection, 84. Steamship *Cyclops* for Tacoma: Examined, 22; recommended for rejection, 11. Steamship *Nippon Maru* for Honolulu: Examined, 213; recommended for rejection, 96. By the same vessel for San Francisco: Examined, 3; recommended for rejection, 2.

The emigrants passed were all bathed, vaccinated, and held 5 days under observation prior to embarkation.

The following disease was reported in Kobe during the week: Smallpox, 149 cases and 24 deaths.

Reports from Osaka for the same week give 24 cases of plague with 20 deaths, and 5 cases of cholera with 5 deaths.

Report from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

December 13. Number of emigrants recommended for rejection, 5.

MEXICO.

Report from Salina Cruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McPherson reports, January 1:

Period December 16 to 31, inclusive. Two vessels cleared from this port for the United States, the steamship *Nebraskan*, which left for San Diego, Cal., December 21, and the steamship *Arizonan*, which left this port for San Diego December 27. Both vessels were fumigated according to regulations while in the roadstead outside the harbor.

MOROCCO.

Report from Tangier—Measures taken to prevent importation of plague at ports in Morocco.

The following is received from the American legation at Tangier, under date of December 21:

The sanitary council of Tangier has appointed a medical commission to examine into the requirements necessary for precautionary measures against importation of plague infection at Moroccan ports. This commission is at present at work.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Smallpox in Lima—Plague in vicinity of Arica, Chile.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, December 16:

Week ended December 14. Vessels dispatched as follows:

December 11. British steamship *Condor*, for New York with general cargo and a total personnel of 32, of whom 1 cabin passenger was from this port.